

**ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

A retaining clip is used to maintain proper shoe contact and orientation for a cam actuated brake assembly. The brake assembly includes a pair of brake shoes each having an anchor end and an actuation end. Each brake shoe is pivotally mounted at the anchor end to a brake spider with an anchor pin. When the brakes are applied, a cam acts against the actuation end causing the brake shoes to pivot about axes defined by the anchor pins. Preferably the retaining clip is mounted to the brake shoe and includes a pair of hooks that support opposite ends of the anchor pin. The retaining clip cooperates with the anchor pins to maintain proper shoe geometry.

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